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Applicants : Peter George Hartwell

Application Serial No. : 10/035,792

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Title : SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR
ELECTRICALLY ISOLATING PORTIONS
OF WAFERS

Group/Art Unit : 2812

Examiner : Ron Everett Pompey

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Washington, D.C. 20231

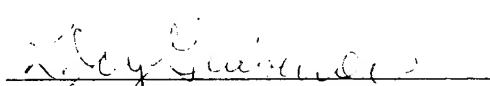
RESPONSE TO ELECTION RESTRICTION

Sir:

While Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's characterization of Claims 1-11 as "drawn to semiconductor device" (paper 2, page 2, paragraph 1), when such claims clearly set forth that they are directed to a "system for electrically isolating a portion of a wafer", Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group I. According to the Election Restriction mailed January 24, 2003, Group I is directed toward the invention of Claims 1-11.

Respectfully submitted,
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is/are the following in the above-identified application:

- () Response/Amendment () Petition to extend time to respond
() New fee as calculated below () Supplemental Declaration
() No additional fee (Address envelope to "Box Non-Fee Amendments")
(X) Other: Election Restriction (fee \$)

CLAIMS AS AMENDED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY						
(1) FOR	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEES
TOTAL CLAIMS	11	MINUS	20	= 0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS	1	MINUS	3	= 0	X \$84	\$ 0
[] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$280	\$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$110.00	2ND MONTH \$410.00	3RD MONTH \$930.00	4TH MONTH \$1450.00		\$ 0
OTHER FEES						\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 0

Charge \$ 0 to Deposit Account 08-2025. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 08-2025 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. Additionally please charge any fees to Deposit Account 08-2025 under 37 CFR 1.16 through 1.21 inclusive, and any other sections in Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations that may regulate fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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